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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

CLAIMS

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-7, 9-21, 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chen (US 5963014).

Regarding claim 1, Chen shows a cradle organizer (figs. 1, 4) comprising:

A base (2);

A plate (1) adapted to be secured to a top portion of the base (2); and

Wiring (121, 213) positioned within the base (2).

Regarding claim 14, Chen shows a cradle organizer (figs. 1, 4) comprising:

A base (2) adapted to hold a plurality of cradles (21 in figs. 1, 4);

A plate (1) adapted to be secured to a top portion of the base (2);

A power supply (23); and

Wiring (see 121, 213, see fig. 4) adapted to connect the power supply to the cradles ,
the wiring is positioned within the base (2).

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Regarding claim 23, Chen shows a cradle organizer (figs. 1, 4) comprising the steps of:

Placing a plurality of cradles (21 in figs. 1, 4) on a base (2);

Placing a detachable plate (1) to a top portion of the base (2);

Placing electronic devices (T in fig. 4) through the plate and on the cradles.

Regarding claims 2-7, 9-13, 15-21, 24, Chen shows:

One or more cradles (21 in figs. 1, 4);

The plate (1) having one of the form from a group consisting of: shapes, length etc;

The base (2) having one of the form from a group consisting of: shapes, length etc;

The devices (T);

The wiring (121, 213, see figs. 1, 4);

At least one power supply (23);

The device (T) is a mobile phone which is also generic for a PDA;

A cutout portion of the plate (i.e. 11);

The detachable plate (1) is configurable (from fig. 1 to fig. 4) which can receive devices from different manufactures as long as the devices fit the charger;

The base (2) is configurable (from fig. 1 to fig. 4) which can receive devices from different manufactures as long as the devices fit the charger.

3. Claims 1-10, 15-21, 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Brake et al. (US 5734253).

Regarding claim 1, Brake shows a cradle organizer (figs. 1, 4) comprising:

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A base (20);

A plate (25) adapted to be secured to a top portion of the base (20); and

Wiring (160) positioned within the base (20).

Regarding claim 14, Brake shows a cradle organizer (figs. 1, 4) comprising:

A base (20) adapted to hold a plurality of cradles (60);

A plate (25) adapted to be secured to a top portion of the base (20);

A power supply (76, 78); and

Wiring (160) adapted to connect the power supply to the cradles , the wiring is positioned within the base (20).

Regarding claims 2-10, 15-21, Brake shows:

One or more cradles (30-60);

The plate (25) having one of the form from a group consisting of: shapes, length etc;

The base (20) having one of the form from a group consisting of: shapes, length etc;

The devices (32-62);

The wiring (160);

At least one power supply (76, 78);

At least one data connection cable adapted to couple to the least one power supply, wherein the cable exits the base (see col. 6, lines 44-50, see also fig. 4 where the cable can exit the base);

A cutout portion of the plate (for 60, see 25);

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The plate (25) is configurable (col. 6, lines 13-18) which can receive devices from different manufactures as long as the devices fit the charger;

The base (20) is configurable (col. 6, lines 13-18) which can receive devices from different manufactures as long as the devices fit the charger.

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 11-13, 23-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brake et al. in view of Chen.

Regarding claim 23, Brake shows a cradle organizer (figs. 1, 4) comprising the steps of:

Placing a plurality of cradles (30, 60) on a base (20);

Placing a plate (25) to a top portion of the base (20);

Placing electronic devices (32, 62) through the plate and on the cradles.

Brake differs from the claimed invention in that it does not explicitly mention that the top plate is detachable from the base.

However, Chen teaches providing a top plate which is detachable from the base (see fig. 1). In fact, most of the housings are built as shown by Chen, therefore, if it is found that Brake's top plate is not detachable from the base, then it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to have Brake's plate to be detachable from the base

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with/without the teaching of Chen, this is conventional because when housings having internal electronics, the housing parts (top plate and base) and the electronics are mostly like made from different manufactures, sometime electronics may need to be replaced, the top plate is made detachable from the base in order to assemble or replace the electronics, all of these procedures are considered as a conventional practice and obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art.

Regarding claims 11-13 and 24, the combination of Brake and Chen shows:

the power supply for the cradles (fig. 6 in Brake; 23 in Chen); and

The device can be a mobile phone which is also generic for a PDA (see T in Chen).

6. Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brake et al. in view of Kim et al. (US 6765365).

Regarding claim 22, Brake shows the wiring (160) for the cradles (30, 60).

Brake differs from the claimed invention in that it does not show that the wiring is coded to match certain cradle.

However, Kim teaches providing a wiring which is coded to match certain cradle (col. 4, lines 1-12).

Hence, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Brake's wiring with a coded identification mark as taught by Kim, such that the combination


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allows the user to easily select an appropriate coded adapter according to a type of the portable device (col. 4, lines 1-12 in Kim).

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jack Chiang whose telephone number is 571-272-7483. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. from 8:00 to 6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar, can be reached on 571-272-7488. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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